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AND A TRIBUTE
TO MRS. ELIZA
DANIELS DODGE




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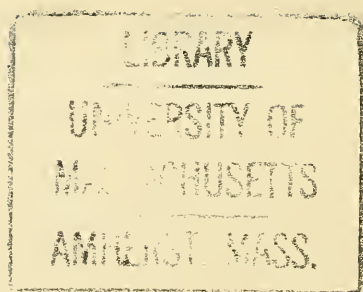
IN MEMORY
OF
Mrs. Eliza Daniels Dodge
WIFE OF
THOMAS H. DODGE
OF WORCESTER, MASS.



BORN, BROOKLINE, N. H., FEBRUARY 6, 1822
DIED, WORCESTER, MASS., MARCH 27, 1907

**Services at the Funeral of
Mrs. Eliza Daniels Dodge**

**Worcester, Massachusetts
March 29th, 1907**



Hymn: Still, Still With Thee

By THE SCHUMANN QUARTETTE

Still, still with Thee—when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee—amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with Thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,
Its closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer;
Sweet repose beneath Thy wings o'er-shading,
But sweeter still, to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
Oh, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with Thee.

Invocation

By REV. DAVID O. MEARS, D.D.
OF ALBANY, N. Y.



DEAR God, in Thine infinite mercy, meet us. If Thou wert not here, how could our gathering be? Unless Thou shouldst give us comfort, where should we find strength and comfort? Grant Thy blessing to us, each and all, remembering the heavy hearted, giving Thy mercy and Thy blessing to him under whose roof we are gathered this sad day, and so bless him, and so bless the sister, and so bless each and all of us, that, realizing what life is, we may glory in the hope of the life immortal, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture

By REV. WILLARD SCOTT, D.D.
OF WORCESTER, MASS.



OD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. God is in the midst of us, we shall not be moved; God shall help us, and that right early. I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold sorrow, that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and

glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ: as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Abide in Me. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and

unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen, Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and forever. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Crossing the Bar

By THE SCHUMANN QUARTETTE

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning,
no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide, that, moving, seems asleep,
No sound or foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep,
Turns again home, turns again home,
again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness,
no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

From out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have cross'd the bar,
When I have cross'd the bar.

Remarks

By REV. WILLARD SCOTT, D.D.



AMONG the pleasantest experiences of my pastorate in Worcester have been the occasional visits of my predecessor and loyal friend, Dr. Mears, who has come with me to unite our youth in the bond of holy marriage, or to dismiss, as we do to-day, some mutually loved friend to the brighter realm.

It is nearly thirty years since he came into this home: a truly long, delightful fellowship. His own family life is closely intertwined with his friendship here; and I count it a very great personal pleasure, as I assure you it is most excellently fitting, that he should be here to-day to pronounce the eulogy, which we all are thinking in our hearts, of our beloved friend now translated.

Eulogy

By REV. DAVID O. MEARS, D.D.
OF ALBANY, N. Y.



IN the order of nature there is no death. Great changes occur, but the fittest survives. The things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal. The greatest forces of life are unseen. The question of the ages is still asked: "If a man die, shall he live again?" There is a natural body that partakes of the earthly weakness, while the spiritual body knows no weakness nor decay. What we call "death" is the final struggle of the earthly being. The earthly body is the chrysalis from whose folds the true nature passes away. The great apostle speaks of himself as bearing about with him this body of death. He likens the physical body as a tent in which the true life lives. He was but applying the words of Christ in his own experience: "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Never die! but all the while funeral processions were passing in the streets, while multitudes were being carried away as a flood. Transition is not death. The immortal is not measured by the mortal. Flesh and blood cannot inherit eternal life in the kingdom of God. Man is infinitely greater than the physical body in which the spiritual lives. This spiritual being speaks: my body; my hands; my life. Our very words speak of the earthly body as inferior; an earthly dwelling-place, in which the immortal dwells.

Strictly speaking, the resurrection means the standing again of the spiritual life out from the perishing physical frame. Christ told the Sadducees who did not believe in angels or a life after this, that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are living because God announces himself as their God; and God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Paul counted it a joy to depart and be with Christ. The Seer of Patmos spoke of character as undying, the same there as here: righteous, holy; just or unjust. What we call death is the earthly change through which the real life passes.

We are not to think of the just made perfect as under the dominion of weakness and suffering and age. When we speak of the departed we remember them as they were in the days of strength. In such years character and purpose were best seen. There is a beauty in old age whitened in glory yet waiting for the finish of this life; but the fuller development of their powers came earlier. We look through the beauty of the serene life back upon its action when their powers were at their best. The whole life requires that we observe it in its various conditions.

Through the changes of a long life, the character of Mrs. Dodge has been evident in its singular strength and beauty. Her grandfather was Lieutenant in the Revolution. It was the sister of this grandfather, Mrs. Prudence Cummings Wright, who commanded the guard of women who held the bridge over the Nashua River between Pepperell and Groton, "resolutely determined that no foe to freedom, foreign or domestic, should pass over it." A massive monument in Groton has upon it this comprehensive description: "Near this spot a party of patriotic women, under the leadership of Mrs. David Wright of Pepperell, in April, 1775, captured Leonard Whiting, a Tory, who was carrying treasonable dispatches

to the enemy at Boston. He was taken a prisoner to Groton, and the dispatches were sent to the Committee of Safety at Cambridge."

The granite of New Hampshire seemed born into her blood and life. She was as firm in principle as adamant. She believed in justice and righteousness. Nothing could turn her away from what seemed duty. Surrounded as her life has been with an abundance of earthly substances, she yet allowed no line of poverty or wealth to separate her from the worthy characters in life's struggles. Her sympathy was of even greater value than the helpful gifts she made to the uncounted needy ones. She never narrowed her acquaintance to those who ranked in the circles of social fashion, while her gentle bearing and native dignity would have made her a power even in circles most select. She was thoughtful of the welfare of all who gave their skill in helping her meet her varied duties in a broadened sphere. She never condescended in greeting others; her greetings were of unbiassed friendship. She said nothing of what she did. She believed in economy in her own duties and manner of life, but made those she helped self-respecting. She was generous and practical.

Those intimate in her home well know how much she did to make it a place of rest. Her husband well recognized her as a helpmeet in all his life of care. Her strong sympathy gave him inspiration and a larger courage. She was quiet, yet broad of vision. For years somewhat of an invalid, she was unable to engage in the activities of church and social life; yet she quietly enjoyed an interest in silently helping what more active workers were doing.

The city of Worcester will be reminded of just this broadened sympathy and interest. The avenues of benevolence in helping the suffering and unfortunate will be evident at a glance. Institutions

of culture and adornment in the city will be reminded of her undying interest in what they have attempted. The work for young men and for young women will be strengthened by substantial remembrances as she pondered their needs. Her sympathies reached out among the homeless and bereaved. Orphaned children and aged dependents will experience what is far brighter than sunbeams—the warmth of a pure human heart. Destitute mothers appreciating the Day Nursery will recall that the rich are not unmindful of their struggles in life. Other bequests scattered among the famous charities and institutions of Worcester will round up the broad vista of her interest. The demands of citizenship, of reforms, of religion, are all included; not in large amounts in a few instances, but in a broader way shedding some rays of happiness where but for the like, all would be dark and forbidding.

The motive beneath such a life was found in a devout nature. She was eminently religious in her faith. Hers was not the piety of mysticism seeking light in pondering her own heart. She said little of her faith as a form; but her life spoke louder than human speech. Her life was her profession, although she never took her letter from the church of her girlhood. She did as she prayed. She never complained of others' shortcomings, but sought to make her life tell upon character. She could not be formal, she was too genuine for such expressions. She lived in faith.

She held the friends of her childhood and maturity. Children and youths loved her. Hers was a life rich with friendships. She clung to those whom she had found on her way through time. How true she was! She allowed no discounting words concerning others in her presence. After all has been said, in a large sense the words are true of her motive and purpose in all she did: "She

hath done what she could." Her heart was with the humblest. Her added competency in material things gave added power in her sympathies and desires. We can say it now that her lips are silent; and because she has gone beyond the hearing of our praise. She still lives; in memory she is blessed. The world is richer because she has lived in it. She bore her weariness without complaining, but now is at rest. The blessed words of the Master are true: "Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." This is not death; it is the coronation of life.

Like a tired child she has fallen asleep. Many of us have known the gentle spirit prompting her friendship. We could scarcely speak of her as "old"; her heart was always young. She had the secret of growing old gracefully. Her pure life has everywhere been a rich personal blessing. She made this home a haven of rest to others. Hers has been eminently a useful life. Our hearts bow in thankfulness for the life that makes memory bright.

Rest, Sweet Rest

By THE SCHUMANN QUARTETTE

After the stormy way,
After the troubled breast,
Light of the brighter day,
And rest—sweet rest.

After the tears that fall,
From eyes unseen, unblest,
God's peace surpassing all,
And rest—sweet rest.

Not hopeless are the skies,
For in the dark'ning west
I see through streaming eyes,
God's gates of rest.

Alone 'twixt dark and light—
And yet not all unblest,
The heaven is in sight,
With rest—sweet rest.

On the other side of Jordan,
In the sweet fields of Eden,
There is rest for the weary,
There is rest for you.

Prayer

By REV. WILLARD SCOTT, D.D.
OF WORCESTER, MASS.



ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors; and we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty and Ever-living God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace and the lights of the world in their generation; most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith and obedience to Thy Holy Commandments, that, at the day of the great resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Almighty and Most Beneficent God, send down Thy blessing, we beseech of Thee, upon Thy servant in this home, and give to him heavenly support and comfort. Continue to him, we beseech of Thee, the light and spirit of comradeship and intimacy which he has enjoyed these three score years and more, that he be not bereft in his maturer years, nor lack the sustaining presence and friendship of that great soul with whom he has had fellowship so long. Bless, we beseech of Thee, with Thy rich presence, this home, and maintain the joy of life to its surviving members. We beseech of Thee, grant Thy gracious blessing upon this sister. Give unto her joy in memory, and the perennial delight in the life that has fought a good fight, finished its course, and kept the faith, for whom there is laid up a crown of life.

We beseech Thee for this intimate circle of friends; ties of blood and ties of time, ties of interest and of affection, binding them together. May these ties remain cherished and unbroken. As the eye of flesh loses from its sight the features of this beloved friend, may the eyes of the spirit be opened to her celestial presence.

O Lord, God Almighty, how much brighter is this day for sweet memory's sake; this day of remembrance of the death of Christ, this day of darkness for the world, this day of scattering of faith, this day of gloom !* Upon this day we say, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." But we remember that another day is at hand. To that is our heart turning. Our lips are fixed to declare, "The spirit has returned to God who gave it." So, we pray Thee, employ the imagery of this season for the comfort of these who are bereaved, and if this day seems to them like Golgotha, may to-morrow and the day after ring in their

* Good Friday.

minds and hearts with the true Easter rejoicing, "The Lord is risen indeed!" And if Christ be risen, then also "they that are Christ's at His coming."

So, we pray Thee, bind us together in these convictions, so dear to us, and so real to us, that we may bear this day's sorrow bravely, look the tomb in the face without repining, and turn our eyes upward to the pathway that leads us higher; the stepping-stones of our dead selves conducting us to higher things.

Hear us, O Lord, we beseech of Thee, and grant us this prayer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

By THE SCHUMANN QUARTETTE



UR Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is
in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread: And for-
give us our debts, as we forgive our debtors: And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Committal and Benediction

By REV. DAVID O. MEARS, D.D.
OF ALBANY, N. Y.

Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes, and may divine
grace and love be our everlasting portion, in the Name of the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Will

BE IT remembered that I, Eliza D. Dodge, of Worcester, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and testament:—

After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, I give, devise and bequeath, as follows:—

First—I give and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, now residing in Townsend, Mass., for and during her natural life, the income accruing from \$6000, par value, of four per cent. United States bonds, due in 1925, said income to be paid to her annually.

Second—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Frances Guilford, residing in Glens Falls, N. Y., the sum of \$600.

Third—I give and bequeath to my nephew, John Daniels, residing in Lowell, Mass., the sum of \$600.

Fourth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Belle Duffy, residing in North Bellingham, Mass., the sum of \$600.

Fifth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. A. Maria Dow, residing in Goffstown, N. H., the sum of \$600.

The legatees named in the second, third, fourth and fifth clauses of this will are children of my brother, Sullivan Daniels, deceased.

Sixth—I give and bequeath to my nephew, Wells Burns, residing in Milford, N. H., the sum of \$600.

Seventh—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Marinda Smith, residing in said Milford, the sum of \$600.

Eighth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Maria A. Hamblett, residing in Ayer, Mass., the sum of \$600.

The persons named in the sixth, seventh and eighth clauses of this will are children of my deceased sister, Mrs. Susan Burns.

Ninth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Mary Ann Morse, residing in said Lowell, the sum of \$600. She is the daughter of my deceased sister, Mrs. Marantha Ames.

Tenth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Luella George, residing in Nashua, N. H., my piano.

Eleventh—I give and bequeath to my nephew, Martin Noyes, residing in Hyde Park, Mass., the sum of \$600.

Twelfth—I give and bequeath to my nephew, Alonzo Noyes, residing in Richmond, Me., the sum of \$600.

Thirteenth—I give and bequeath to my two nephews, Clement and Clarence Noyes, twin sons of my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, the sum of \$600 each, but to be held in trust by the Worcester Trust Company, trustee, the income to be paid to them equally, once in six months from the date of the allowance of this my last will and testament, provided each of them shall abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors during said six months, but not otherwise.

They must produce such evidence, including the written statement of their mother, if living, as will satisfy my executor hereinafter named, that they have abstained from the use of intoxicating liquors as aforesaid.

In case they fail to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, as aforesaid, the above bequest of \$600 to each, shall become null and void; but if one fails and the other complies with the said conditions, the one so abstaining shall receive the income of \$600 for the said first six months, and so on.

If either, or both, shall abstain each six months for the term of five years, then the said \$600 shall be paid to the one or both so complying with the said conditions.

Fourteenth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Mary H. Boyd, now residing in Londonderry, N. H., the sister of my husband, Thomas H. Dodge, for and during her natural life, the income accruing from \$6000, par value, of four per cent. United States bonds, due in 1925, said income to be paid to her semi-annually.

Fifteenth—I give and bequeath to Daniel M. Boyd, the nephew of my said husband, and now residing in said Londonderry, the sum of \$600.

Sixteenth—I give and bequeath to Miss Martha J. Boyd, the niece of my said husband, now residing in said Londonderry, eight shares of the common stock of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation. I have, in years past, remembered her financially to some extent.

Seventeenth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Abby Crowell, the niece of my said husband now residing in Bedford, N. H., the sum of \$600.

Eighteenth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Emma Young, now residing in said Londonderry, the niece of my said husband, fifteen shares of the common stock of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation. The persons named in the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth clauses of this will are children of Mrs. Mary H. Boyd, the only living sister of my said husband.

Nineteenth—I give and bequeath to Edwards O. Dodge, residing in Manchester, N. H., a nephew of my said husband, the sum of \$600.

Twentieth—I give and bequeath to Thomas F. Dodge, residing in Manchester, N. H., a nephew of my said husband, the sum of \$600.

Twenty-first—I give and bequeath to James E. Dodge, residing in said Manchester, a nephew of my said husband, the sum of \$600.

The persons named in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first clauses of this will are children of my said husband's deceased brother, Malachi F. Dodge.

Twenty-second—I give and bequeath to Jane Gay Dodge, residing in Wellesley, Mass., a niece of my said husband, and a daughter of my said husband's deceased brother, Rev. D. D. Dodge, the sum of \$600.

Twenty-third—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Nancy E. Dodge, residing in Nashua, N. H., the widow of my said husband's deceased nephew, Dana D. Dodge, the sum of \$600.

Twenty-fourth—I give and bequeath to my faithful maid servant, Ellen O'Brien, who has now served me nearly seventeen years, the sum of \$600.

Twenty-fifth—I give and bequeath to a former maid servant, now Mrs. Nora Lyons McGrail, residing in said Worcester, the sum of \$300.

Twenty-sixth—I give and bequeath to a former maid servant, Mary Kelleher, residing in said Worcester, the sum of \$300.

Twenty-seventh—I give and bequeath to our man servant, Patrick Cronin, of said Worcester, the sum of \$400.

Twenty-eighth—I give and bequeath to a former man servant, Timothy Duggan, of said Worcester, the sum of \$300.

Twenty-ninth—I give and bequeath to Cora J. Dodge, residing in said Worcester, the sum of \$125, with the request that she purchase with the said gift some articles of wearing apparel, to be worn as a reminder of our friendship.

Thirtieth—I give and bequeath to Piedmont Society, of said Worcester,

\$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended for the benefit of the poor and needy of said society, and the church connected with said society.

Thirty-first—I give and bequeath to the Women's Association of the Piedmont Congregational Church, of said Worcester, the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society in its charitable and benevolent work.

Thirty-second—I give and bequeath to the Temporary Home and Day Nursery Society of said Worcester, the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society in its benevolent and charitable work.

Thirty-third—I give and bequeath to Worcester Children's Friend Society the sum of \$4000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society in its charitable and benevolent work.

Thirty-fourth—I give and bequeath to the Young Women's Christian Association of said Worcester the sum of \$5000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association in its charitable and benevolent work.

Thirty-fifth—I give and bequeath to the Young Men's Christian Association of said Worcester the sum of \$3000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association in its charitable and benevolent work.

Thirty-sixth—I give and bequeath to the Worcester Society for District Nursing the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society in its charitable and benevolent work.

Thirty-seventh—I give and bequeath to the Worcester Society of Antiquity of said Worcester the sum of \$3000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society.

Thirty-eighth—I give and bequeath to Worcester Natural History Society of said Worcester the sum of \$7000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society.

Thirty-ninth—I give and bequeath to Worcester Employment Society

of said Worcester the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income only to be expended by said society.

Fortieth—I give and bequeath to the Worcester County Mechanics Association of said Worcester the sum of \$6000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-first—I further give and bequeath to said Worcester County Mechanics Association the sum of \$7000, provided said association shall in due and proper form request my said executor to furnish said association with my portrait in a proper frame to be thereafter hung in its hall, and upon such request being made, my said executor, from funds in his hands or money belonging to my estate, shall procure, to be painted, a portrait copied from the one now being painted by Mr. Peterson of Chicago, Ill., to be hung in the library building of Clark University, of said Worcester, the portrait and frame to be substantially of the same dimensions; and I prefer that Mr. Peterson, if living, shall be employed to furnish the same. And provided, further, that said association shall have a free lecture by some competent person, delivered on some evening in February as near February 6, my birthday, as convenient, every year, the subject of such lecture to be, “Young Women, their Duties and Obligations to the Public, and their Proper Aspirations,” and shall have two hundred copies printed of each lecture, one copy to be deposited in its library, and the balance safely packed away until five lectures have been delivered, when they are to be well bound in one volume, in half leather, and distributed as follows: One copy for its own library and one copy to each of the public libraries in said Worcester, and the balance, one copy so far as they go, to each of the main public libraries of the larger towns and cities of Massachusetts; and the same proceedings for the next five years, and so on so long as said association shall continue to exist. A heading to each lecture shall be printed with each lecture, briefly stating the reasons why the lecture was given and why printed.

Forty-second—I give and bequeath to Worcester City Missionary Society the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association for its charitable work.

Forty-third—I give and bequeath to Worcester Boys’ Club the sum

of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-fourth—I give and bequeath to Worcester Auxiliary to the Kindergarten for the Blind the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-fifth—I give and bequeath to Worcester Art Society, of said Worcester, the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-sixth—I give and bequeath to Worcester Art Museum of said Worcester the sum of \$4000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-seventh—I give and bequeath to Worcester Woman's Club Corporation the sum of \$4000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association.

Forty-eighth—I give and bequeath to the Sons and Daughters of New Hampshire the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income only to be expended by the said association.

Forty-ninth—I give and bequeath to Odd Fellows' Home of said Worcester the sum of \$3000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the trustees of said Home, as follows: Once a year a band concert shall be given for the benefit of the inmates of the Home, the same to be given on the bandstand in Dodge Park, or on the grounds of the home, as the trustees may elect; the balance of the income, if any, to be expended in giving the inmates street car rides.

Fiftieth—I give and bequeath to Mothers' Child Study Circle of said Worcester the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association.

Fifty-first—I give and bequeath to Home for Aged Women of said Worcester the sum of \$5000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said Home.

Fifty-second—I give and bequeath to the Home for Aged Men of said Worcester the sum of \$3000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said Home.

Fifty-third—I give and bequeath to the Congregational Club of said Worcester the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said club.

Fifty-fourth—I give and bequeath to the Associated Charities of said Worcester the sum of \$4000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association.

Fifty-fifth—I give and bequeath to the American Antiquarian Society of said Worcester the sum of \$3000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said society.

Fifty-sixth—I give and bequeath to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of said Worcester the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said association.

Fifty-seventh—I give and bequeath to Worcester Woman's Club the sum of \$2000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by said club.

Fifty-eighth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. James E. Dodge of said Manchester my velvet dress.

Fifty-ninth—I give and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, of Townsend, Mass., my best black silk dress.

Sixtieth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Maria A. Hamblett, of Ayer, Mass., my dark crepon dress, the one which is shown in my said portrait.

Sixty-first—I give and bequeath to my husband's niece, Miss Martha J. Boyd, of said Londonderry, my moire antique dress.

Sixty-second—I direct that my said executor shall request my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes; my husband's niece, Miss Martha J. Boyd, and my niece, Miss Maria A. Hamblett, to come to Worcester, at his expense, as executor of my estate and divide the rest of my wearing apparel between the female relatives of myself and husband, as they shall deem best, they being included in the number of said relatives.

Sixty-third—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Willard B. Kendall, of New York city, my set of pearl jewelry.

Sixty-fourth—I give and bequeath to my niece, formerly Miss Lena Hamblett, now Mrs. Graydon, of Ayer, Mass., my gold tape bracelet.

Sixty-fifth—I give and bequeath to my husband's niece, Mrs. Josie E. Berry, of Pittsfield, N. H., my diamond ring.

Sixty-sixth—I give and bequeath to my husband's niece, Miss Martha J. Boyd, of said Londonderry, my largest gold ring.

Sixty-seventh—I give and bequeath to my husband's niece, Mrs. Emma Young of said Londonderry, my small gold ring.

Sixty-eighth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Abby Crowell of Bedford, N. H., my gold chain bracelet.

Sixty-ninth—I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Luella George aforesaid, my onyx set of jewelry.

Seventieth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Mary H. Boyd, my husband's sister, of said Londonderry, my gold pin.

Seventy-first—I give and bequeath to the Baldwinville Hospital Cottages of Baldwinville, Mass., the sum of \$1000, to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended by the trustees of said Hospital Cottages in the charitable and benevolent work connected therewith.

Seventy-second—Should the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Woman's Club Corporation, the Young Women's Christian Association, the American Antiquarian Society of said Worcester, and the Worcester Natural History Society, or any of them, request my said executor to furnish them, or any of them, with my portrait, properly framed, to be hung in their respective buildings, my executor is hereby authorized to have the same copied from my portrait painted for Clark University.

Seventy-third—I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved husband, Thomas H. Dodge, all the rest, residue and remainder of all my property and estate, both real and personal, whatever the same may be and wherever the same may be situated, to him and his heirs, to his and their own use forever.

Seventy-fourth—In case my said husband shall decease while I live, I give, devise and bequeath said rest, residue and remainder to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Missionary Association, share and share alike, to their own use forever.

Seventy-fifth—I hereby constitute and appoint Rufus B. Dodge of said Worcester to be the executor of this my last will and testament.

Seventy-sixth—I hereby constitute and appoint the Worcester Trust

Company of said Worcester trustee to hold all money and securities which have been bequeathed in this my last will and testament in trust.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of three witnesses and declared this to be my last will and testament, this 15th day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and six.

ELIZA D. DODGE.

On this 15th day of August, A. D. 1906, Eliza D. Dodge of Worcester, Mass., signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be her last will; and, as witnesses thereof, we three do now, at her request, and in her presence, also in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names.

RUFUS B. DODGE,
PHILLIE A. SMITH,
WILLIAM J. TAFT.

Codicil

Certain legacies which I had intended to make having been unintentionally left out in my last will and testament, which said last will and testament is dated the 15th day of August, A. D. 1906, I, Eliza D. Dodge of Worcester, Mass., hereby make and publish this as a codicil to said last will and testament, hereby confirming all the provisions of said will except so far as the same are changed or modified by this instrument:

First—I give and bequeath to my nephew, Perley R. Noyes, son of my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, \$600. He now resides in Petersham, Mass.

Second—I give and bequeath to Mr. R. F. Rollins, now residing in Bedford, N. H., and nephew of my husband, Thomas H. Dodge, \$600.

Third—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Eliza Porter, sister of said Rollins, and residing in said Bedford, a niece of my said husband, \$600.

Fourth—I give and bequeath to Mrs. Josie E. Berry, sister of said Rollins, residing in Pittsfield, N. H., a niece of my said husband, \$600.

Fifth—I give and bequeath to Miss Martha J. Boyd of Londonderry, N. H., a niece of my said husband, my gold watch and chain.

Sixth—I give and bequeath to my sister, Mrs. C. C. Noyes, the portrait of my deceased sister, Miss A. M. Daniels.

Seventh—I give and bequeath to Helen G. Mears, the daughter of Rev. D. O. Mears of Albany, N. Y., the portrait of John Alden and Priscilla.

Eighth—If Mrs. Ebenezer Cutler survives me, I give and bequeath to her the sum of \$500.

Ninth—I give and bequeath to Memorial Hospital of said Worcester the sum of \$5000, the same to be forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income thereof only to be expended.

Tenth—Should said Memorial Hospital hereafter name a ward “Eliza D. Dodge,” and request my executor to furnish my portrait to be hung in the same, he is authorized to employ Mr. Erik Osterberg to paint my portrait and have it framed with the same size and style of frame and hung with the same style of supports as the one he painted of me and had framed and hung in the hall of Thule Music Hall Association, Worcester, Mass.

Eleventh—I hereby authorize and direct my executor to pay out of my estate any and all collateral inheritance tax or taxes upon any legacy or legacies left by my will or this codicil to any relative or relatives of myself or my said husband, Thomas H. Dodge.

Twelfth—I hereby authorize my said executor, named in said will, if in his judgment it may seem advisable, to postpone the payment of any legacy or legacies for three years from the time of the probate of my will; but I also authorize him to pay any legacies that, in his judgment, he thinks the legatees should have sooner than such three years, at any time he may see fit.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand in the presence of three witnesses and declare this to be a codicil to my last will, this 21st day of September, A. D. 1906.

ELIZA D. DODGE.

On this 21st day of September, A. D. 1906, Eliza D. Dodge of Worcester, Mass., signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be a codicil to her last will, and as witnesses thereof, we three do now at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, hereto subscribe our names—

RUFUS B. DODGE,
WILLIAM J. TAFT,
PHILLIE A. SMITH.

Editorial

(FROM WORCESTER TELEGRAM FOR APRIL 5, 1907)



THE will of Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge emphasizes that from this section of Massachusetts there are going many women and men who have made their lives successful since coming here from New Hampshire and other parts of this country. Mrs. Dodge leaves to public institutions nearly \$100,000, without restrictions that make the gifts burdens. During her long life she has made a study of these institutions, as a woman with a heart inclined to make life the more worth living for the largest number possible. She found in her long years of study that the associations which seek to build up character by the more material means of leading into the industries have a wide influence. She left some of her fortune to further that kind of work in the Worcester way. Mrs. Dodge also learned that the churches and their auxiliary associations have an uplifting influence. She left to them large sums of money for general use. But particularly she learned that the young women and young men have the best influences thrown about them by the institutions arranged by the church people for their care, and she gave much for the maintenance of these helpers for the molding of character. That was her especial pleasure late in life when she realized that she had accumulated a considerable fortune, and knew that she had the leisure to make her plans. The will of Mrs. Dodge makes disposal of so much that she easily ranks first among the benevolent women who have lived in Worcester. She gave away a great deal of money while she lived, and it will never be known how much.

To Thomas H. Dodge

A. M. GARDNER-BONNELL SENDS A TRIBUTE ON
DEATH OF MRS. DODGE

Thomas H. Dodge has received the following from A. M.
Gardner-Bonnell:—

(To Thomas H. Dodge, on the death of his wife.)

A mantle of peace
On the quiet form,
Like a beautiful sunset
After a storm.
The face in repose,
So free from care,
A life well lived
Is written there.

Perhaps—to-day—
As we feel our loss,
She is wearing a crown,
And has left the cross
For us to bear
Till we shall be free
In the glorious light
Of eternity.

A. M. GARDNER-BONNELL.
Sunday Telegram, March 31, 1907.

To the Memory of a Friend

When our hearts are full of sorrow,
And we care not for to-morrow,

Let us learn to smile and banish care;
For our lives will grow the brighter,
And the clouds, becoming lighter,
Gleam like jewels — rich and rare.

Life, with all its shade and light,
Full of bloom and full of blight,

Ever urges us to still continue on.
Yet a weary world 'twould be
If we never could be free

To journey outward to the great beyond.
When our mission is complete,
Then we'll surely, truly meet

Where there is no dread of parting,
As of yore, and we then will be so glad
We'll forget that we were sad,

When our own are ours again forever more.

A. GARDNER-BONNELL.

WORCESTER, MASS., May 12, 1905.

THOMAS H. DODGE, ESQ.

Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR:—

When, in 1885, the Natural History Camp for Boys was established (which proved to be the pioneer of similar camps since established throughout the country), you were one of the first to see its possibilities as a popular educator.

You gave the first tents for the founding of our "White City," and built our first permanent structure;—the "Dodge Pavilion."

The Summer School for Girls was made possible by the tender of the free use of your Tower Hill grounds at Lake Quinsigamond, that the girls might have the same educational advantages as the boys. Your initial interest has continued and grown as you have followed the success of our work.

In the line of evolution a vacation school and camp for teachers and nature students is to be established this summer at Natural History Park. It is quite in keeping with our experience that you should be one of the first to see the great possibilities for good of this plan of work—not alone to the twenty thousand or more pupils in our own city schools, thus reached through their teachers, but as an object lesson to other communities—its influence becoming national in its scope.

We are indebted to you for the helping hand, and for the head and the heart that has prompted your material gifts.

The source of your love for nature and for the special work of our society is not far to seek. As a boy, during the most impressionable period of life, it was your privilege to live next to the heart of nature among the green hills of the Green Mountain State.

In making your home in Worcester, you have, I believe, "built better than you knew."

You have made, in the very heart of a city of a hundred and

thirty thousand inhabitants, a rural and sylvan solitude, a haunt and nesting-place for birds—a refreshment and an inspiration to the “weary and heavy-laden,” as they look into it from our public streets.

We know that your benevolence and public interests have been varied and many-sided; but our society has reason to believe that you are specially interested—to quote you to yourself—in our “work, which has attracted the close and interested attention of eminent and thoughtful educators, and has direct and intimate relation to the great problem of the nineteenth century, viz.: the proper and rational education of the young.”

Mrs. Dodge has been especially helpful to us in the past, in giving us money to beautify our buildings and adorn the grounds. We greatly appreciate her approval and your approval of our present plans for a vacation school in natural history for teachers.

In behalf of our society and in behalf of those who will benefit by the generous subscription which you now make, I wish to thank you both for this added expression of your appreciation of the educational value of our work. With great respect,

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. RAYMENTON.

American Antiquarian Society

EDMUND M. BARTON, LIBRARIAN

WORCESTER, MASS., 15 May, 1905.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I wish the privilege of saying thank you after reading the good news of the gifts from the Dodge home. Two of my sons, now graduates or prospective graduates of Harvard University, and were boys in the Natural History Camp of years ago, will be glad to hear of the revival of interest on the shore of our dear Lake Quinsigamond. I often wish they might have enjoyed the wise, crisp sayings of my father, your friend. I have tried to repeat some of them to my daughter and three sons, for they are easily remembered. With all good wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) EDMUND M. BARTON.

WORCESTER, MASS., May 16, 1905.

THOMAS H. DODGE, ESQ.,

766 Main Street, Worcester, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—

In the daily press, I notice with much gratification the generous gift of \$1000 from Mrs. Dodge and yourself to the Natural History Society.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to do something for this organization, and I am always glad to do what I can for so worthy an object.

I think it deserves the profound interest of the citizens of Worcester and a substantial testimony of the same.

The society is certainly doing a splendid work for the education of the whole community, old and young, and it should have the encouragement and aid of Worcester people, who are always ready to recognize a good cause and lend a hand to help it along.

I have been benefited personally, and thousands of others can say the same, I am sure.

With best wishes for Mrs. Dodge and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) MRS. E. M. GOULD-SMITH.

Lend-a-Hand Society

(INCORPORATED)

Lend-a-Hand Record

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE,
EDWARD E. HALE, EDITOR

Lend-a-Hand Office

1 BEACON STREET

BOSTON, May 16, 1905.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I am so much interested in the Quinsigamond Camp, and in all the similar movements, that I want to thank you for your generous gift to the society. I have received the news of it at the very moment when we are trying to do the same thing here for our young people. And I cannot, therefore, resist the temptation of thanking you for what you are doing. To bring young people like this into the open air is practically to bring them nearer to God, and the result will show as they become men and women in the next generation.

Truly yours,

(Signed) EDWARD E. HALE.

PARK AVENUE AND FIFTY-NINTH STREET

Department of Education

The City of New York

THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS

May 17, 1905.

HON. THOMAS H. DODGE,
Worcester, Mass.

DEAR MR. DODGE:—

From the papers I notice that you and Mrs. Dodge have again expressed your interest in the Natural History Society by a generous contribution for the school at Lake Quinsigamond. Some time ago I was a member of the Natural History Society and had much to do with the summer camp when I lived in that city. I do not forget your interest in the society at that time and your generous gifts.

Since coming to New York and being engaged in the work of the public schools, the subject of nature study has received great attention and, so far as possible, the city is carrying out the plan of your society in establishing recreation piers and vacation schools and excursions of children to neighboring localities in the country; and the Board of Education has also introduced that study into the various grades in the public schools.

It is fortunate for the city of Worcester that it has a citizen like you who is both able and willing to assist in this good work; and it seems to me that while the present school children of Worcester and their descendants live, they will have reason to be grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Dodge for their interest in this society.

Let me express to you and Mrs. Dodge my personal regards.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) A. P. MARBLE.

Free Public Library

Worcester, Mass.

SAMUEL S. GREEN, LIBRARIAN

May 17th, 1905.

TO THOMAS H. DODGE, ESQUIRE.

MY DEAR SIR:—

I learn through our morning paper that you and Mrs. Dodge have just given \$1000 to the Worcester Natural History Society. That is an organization in which I have long been interested, and I wish to thank you and Mrs. Dodge for your generosity.

I am sure that the money will be spent in such a way as to do a great deal of good.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) SAMUEL S. GREEN.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

State Board of Agriculture

Office of the Ornithologist

J. LEWIS ELLSWORTH, SECRETARY
EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH, ORNITHOLOGIST

WAREHAM, MASS., May 21, 1905.

THOMAS H. DODGE, Esq.,
Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

A few days since I was much gratified to read in the Worcester Telegram the announcement that Mrs. Dodge and yourself had again placed the community under obligations to you by another gift to the Worcester Natural History Society. You may remember me as a former president of that society. I believe that the great wave of popular interest in nature study which is now sweeping the country had its origin largely in the work of this society some fifteen to twenty years ago—a work which you then so liberally supported. I am glad indeed to see that this undertaking is to have a new lease of life, thanks to your liberality, for I believe there is no work to which one can contribute time and means with more beneficial results. In my own special work I find that certain useful birds (useful as food or in protecting trees and crops from their insect foes) are now decreasing rapidly in numbers and some are even threatened with extinction at the hands of man. Such a catastrophe can only be averted by interesting the people (especially the young) in the living birds, by showing their usefulness and the need of protecting them. This can best be done by instructing the teachers. I am already engaged in this work and hope to be able to reach some of the teachers through the camp plan advocated by Dr. Raymenton, who will certainly succeed if he can have such liberal support as yours. Wishing you all the blessings of life, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH.

544 Pleasant Street

WORCESTER, MASS., May 22, 1905.

MR. THOMAS H. DODGE,
Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR:—

Although I am unknown to you I take the liberty of writing to tell you of my appreciation of your recent most generous gift to the Natural History Society for the purpose of furnishing instruction in science to those interested this summer at the Lake. As a teacher of botany in the State Normal School in this city, I feel that I can appreciate, perhaps better than most, what this opportunity will mean to the young people of this vicinity. Anything that broadens the teachers will improve the schools, and the better the schools the better will be the next generation of citizens.

It would be hard to imagine a more effectual way of promoting interest in nature than the one you have chosen. The wisdom as well as the generosity of this benefaction must appeal to all.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) ARABELLA H. TUCKER.

WORCESTER, June 18, 1905.

THOMAS H. DODGE, Esq.,
Worcester.

MY DEAR SIR:—

Ever since I saw in the newspapers a month ago the notice of your generous gift to the Natural History Society, it has been in my mind to express to you my appreciation of your action. You have done a service to us all in this community by aiding such a noble cause. For whatever aims to bring people back to nature, tends to healthier and saner living and thinking. I cannot think of any influences more desirable, especially for the young, than those which the Natural History Society, and its enthusiastic leader, seek to promote. I believe that our citizens generally applaud the wisdom, and recognize the public benefit of your repeated acts of generosity to this important institution. I am sure it must be a source of genuine satisfaction to you that you are able to help forward this good work.

Pardon this word from a stranger to you, but I could not refrain from this expression of my personal gratitude.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) AUSTIN S. GARVER.

Many Letters to Thomas H. Dodge

COMMEND HIS PUBLIC SPIRIT IN GIFT OF VALUABLE
COLLECTION, AND HOPE FOR ADE-
QUATE BUILDING

(WORCESTER SUNDAY TELEGRAM, MARCH 10, 1907)



FOLLOWING the announcement of the gift by Mrs. Thomas H. Dodge, through her husband, of the Reed collection of birds to the Worcester Natural History Society, Mr. Dodge received a dozen letters from people interested in the educational welfare of Worcester. These letters came from Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the United States Senate; Samuel S. Green, librarian of the Worcester Public Library; E. Harlow Russell, principal of the Worcester State Normal School; Hon. William A. Lytle, president of Worcester Board of Trade; Edwin P. Curtis, chairman of the Parks Commission; Edward Howe Forbush, ornithologist of the State Board of Agriculture; Ernest I. Morgan, assistant district attorney; A. W. Parmelee, Franklin P. Rice, Mrs. E. M. Gould-Smith, Miss Arabella H. Tucker, Mrs. A. B. R. Sprague, Miss Edna I. Tyler and Mrs. Ella L. Horr. They express gratitude for the valuable gift made in the interests of all the people, and the belief that it is an important public benefaction and permanent, as well as a hope that a proper building for this and other collections

owned by the Natural History Society will be provided by some public-spirited citizen.

The name of Jonas G. Clark will be forever associated with Clark University as that of Stephen Salisbury will be with the Worcester Art Museum, and there seems to be now an opportunity which seldom comes for some one to perpetuate his name by doing for science what Clark and Salisbury have done for higher education and art. The work that would be undertaken by the Natural History Society might easily, with proper equipment and endowment, become national in its scope, and might readily have a national effect on natural science, as Clark's benefactions have already had more than a national effect on higher education, and as Salisbury's is bound to have on art.

The need of an adequate home for the Natural History Society has been many times made apparent. The society's work has for years been restricted because of this and lack of endowment, and while there are valuable collections and valuable ability available, both stand in the way of becoming ineffective, unless the opportunity is soon provided to take up the work that is ready to be started, and enlarge upon a foundation well established years ago.

The writers of these letters believe the time has come for such a work to be taken up, and for someone who has at heart the advancement of knowledge in the interests of the people to make an endowment that will make his name known to posterity as a benefactor of the people.

A million dollars would not be enough to do what might be done, but it would be enough for a substantial start, enough to make it clear in five years' time that it was wisely invested, and enough to demonstrate practical results.

Here are the letters that have come to Mr. Dodge:—

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I shall never lose my interest in my old home and its associations.

My son, Phil, is there every week at the Art School, and he and my other friends keep me in touch with what you are all doing.

So you will not think me a stranger when I write to thank you and Mrs. Dodge for this step forward, by which you have again encouraged our dear Natural History Society, of which I read in the Telegram.

Mr. William Dutcher of New York has interested me more than ever in the American birds. And I do think that the public interest in bird life is advancing. Worcester has done a great deal in that line. Dr. Hodge's book goes to just the right point.

And Worcester is just the place, and this is just the time, when we can awaken the whole nation to a larger sense of opportunity and duty.

I feel personally obliged to you both, and therefore have written.

Truly yours,

EDWARD E. HALE.

TO THOMAS H. DODGE, ESQ.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—For several days I have wished to write to thank you for the generous gift of Mr. Reed's collection of the birds of Worcester County, which you for Mrs. Dodge have just made for the Worcester Natural History Society.

Many and large as are your and Mrs. Dodge's benefactions, I venture to say that you do not do anything that gives you more satisfaction than your presents to that society.

It is doing an excellent work, and ought to have a commodious and well-appointed building as headquarters. Such a building

would enable the society to be of largely increased service to the community.

One cannot help speaking of the kind heart and open hand of Mrs. Dodge when writing to you. She has been a congenial companion indeed to you, and has done much through her "liberal spirit" and the "influence which she has exerted" to second and supplement your generous gifts.

Again let me thank you and Mrs. Dodge for your substantial remembrances of the institutions of Worcester, and especially for your manifestations of great interest in the Natural History Society. With great regard,

Very respectfully yours,

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

MY DEAR SIR:—

Although not personally acquainted with you, I trust you will permit me, as a citizen of Worcester and a public teacher, to express something of my high appreciation of the generosity and good judgment shown by yourself and Mrs. Dodge in the aid you have given to the study of nature by your gifts to the Natural History Society. I have had opportunities to know the worth of the museum maintained by that organization, and I regard it as only second to our Free Public Library in its value to the youth of this community in directing and assisting their studies in ways that lead upward instead of downward. Whoever, therefore, contributes to the enlargement and enrichment of the facilities which the museum offers is in a high sense a public benefactor. Such a contribution is, in my judgment, a wise and safe investment for any one to make who has the future well-being of the community at heart. It is a benefaction that cannot be abused or diverted from its proper aim and purpose. With grateful respect

Most sincerely yours,

E. H. RUSSELL.

MY DEAR MRS. DODGE:—

It is with a feeling of extreme satisfaction that I write you on behalf of the Worcester Board of Trade to thank you for the recent gift to the Worcester Natural History Society of the Reed collection of Worcester County birds. This, with many other gifts made by yourself and your good husband to the city and its institutions, is appreciated, not only by this organization, but by the entire city, all of which has been in the interest of education along some line. As an educational factor this latest gift is of significant value, and while it is to be regretted that the association receiving it has not a suitable home in which to display it, it is hoped that in the near future some provision will be made toward this end.

The Worcester Board of Trade, naturally interested in the progress of the city along every line, views with extreme satisfaction gifts from its people, which means the perpetuation of a family name. I wish there were more of the generous hearted people in the makeup of Worcester's citizenship to contribute to its educational development, and it is a source of great satisfaction to note the liberality that you and your husband have shown in not only this, but other occasions.

Again thanking you for your kindness and generous disposition in promoting what is best for our city, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM A. LYTTLE, *President.*

MY DEAR SIR:—

I have read with satisfaction that the frequenters of Green Hill Park are to enjoy for a period the fine collection of native birds which the Worcester Natural History Society has been enabled to secure through the generosity of Mrs. Dodge.

Gifts such as this show not only a commendable liberality and public spirit, but also a wise discrimination in the methods of

securing the greatest good to the greatest number. This collection will be an attraction, among the varied natural beauties of the park, of incalculable educational value, and another evidence of your continued interest in the work of the Natural History Society.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN P. CURTIS,
Chairman Park Commissioners.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I am delighted to learn that Mrs. Dodge has presented to the Worcester Natural History Society the Reed collection of Worcester County birds. As a life member of this association, may I ask you to convey to Mrs. Dodge my grateful appreciation of her gift?

Please permit me also to express the hope that this gift marks but the beginning of a movement to provide a roomy, permanent building in which to properly arrange all the collections of the society, together with such laboratory and classroom accommodations and equipments as will meet the requirements of a large and growing city. With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD HOWE FORBUSH.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

Although I have never met you or Mrs. Dodge, except two or three times when I have called at the house on matters of business, I am taking the liberty (as a member of our Natural History Society and one greatly interested in its good work) of writing a word to express my appreciation of Mrs. Dodge's generous gift of the Reed collection of birds. It is a gift that for years to come will be of interest and instruction to thousands of people, both

young and old; and this evidence of the continued interest and thoughtfulness of both Mrs. Dodge and yourself will be very gratifying to every nature lover. I am,

Yours with great respect,

ERNEST I. MORGAN.

DEAR SIR:—

Permit me as a citizen to thank you for your good offices in favor of the Natural History Society. That collection of the birds of Worcester County will be a grand thing for the whole city.

The Natural History Society is doing a great work, and the people are coming to appreciate it as one of the most beneficial and useful of our public institutions.

Very truly yours,

A. W. PARMELEE.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

As one of the Directors of the Worcester Natural History Society, I must express to you my gratitude for, and appreciation of, the very valuable gift by Mrs. Dodge of the collection of Worcester County birds. This collection displayed in the cases will form the most striking department in our museum, and will be of great practical value to students and bird lovers. Its completeness makes it one of the most valuable collections in this country.

We have had in past years from you and Mrs. Dodge many evidences of your kindly interest in the Natural History Society and its work, and this last manifestation proves that you are generous benefactors indeed. Again thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN P. RICE.

HON. THOMAS H. DODGE.

DEAR SIR:—I have read with much interest the articles and editorials in regard to Mrs. Dodge's latest gift, through you, to the Natural History Society. I wish to add my word of gratitude to you both, with thousands of others.

I am also glad to see a revival of interest in the prospect of a new building suitable to house such acquisitions as this collection of local birds must be, and to furnish adequate room in which to pursue studies which tend to make better men and women of our boys and girls.

The study of nature reaches the depths of humanity as nothing else can, and I feel this work deserves and will receive wider recognition of its real worth in the community as soon as the society shall be able to carry out its plans for lectures and class work.

I have a collection of shells which I hope sometime to see with your birds in a fine museum of natural history, one worthy of Worcester, and one to compare favorably with other institutions of learning in our city.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. E. M. GOULD-SMITH.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

Again I want to thank you and Mrs. Dodge for your generosity to the Worcester Natural History Society. I hope it does not bore you to hear from people you do not know, some expression of appreciation of your continued practical interest in the educational work of this society.

Your latest gift, the Reed collection of birds, will not only find its proper place in such a museum, but will be an addition of immense value to the society's working force. It is hard to see how a benefaction could have been more wisely planned.

But every time the museum is enriched in this way the need of a proper place to preserve and display all this wealth of material

becomes more apparent. That the society is able to do so much educational work as it does in its present cramped quarters, is a constant wonder. As a teacher for many years in its classes I can speak feelingly of the need of a suitable lecture room, as well as laboratories, with proper facilities for students to work. Under the present conditions much that might properly be done in the way of classes has to be given up, while some of the class work that is carried on is done under most unsuitable conditions.

It is the hope of everybody who is interested in science—and in these days that includes nearly everybody—that somebody in Worcester or elsewhere will be moved to add one more to the splendid educational institutions of our city by erecting a suitable building for the use of the Natural History Society. It seems ungracious and perhaps even greedy to combine with a letter of thanks a request for further benefactions, but does not the long-continued interest of Mr. Dodge in our society suggest that he may be the one to provide it with a home, and so add incalculably to its usefulness? This would surely be a benefaction that would go on doing good to the end of time, as far as we can see.

I hope you will excuse me if I have been too forward in making this suggestion.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

ARABELLA H. TUCKER.

DEAR SIR:—

I wish to express to you my personal appreciation of the splendid gift of birds made possible to our society through the generosity and influence of Mrs. Dodge.

Such a gem of a collection will need a proper setting, which should be a new, well-lighted, fireproof building. Our building here is not well lighted, the collections are crowded or are packed away in boxes and drawers, where they cannot be seen. Our cases are not tight, so that it is a constant struggle to keep the material

in them in a half presentable condition. Much valuable time is thus wasted which could be spent in a more direct way to better the welfare, intelligence and pleasure of the children and youth of our city.

We need a good class room and lecture hall. Our present one here on State Street is not large enough, nor can it be arranged for the comfort of those who are brave enough to come, thinking they may be able to get a seat and to see the speakers.

This latest gift by Mrs. Dodge makes us feel more than ever the necessity of having a new museum building, to properly house and care for such gifts.

We may well feel proud that at last our own beautiful city is to be the possessor of a complete, well-mounted, fresh collection of the birds of our county.

We thank you, and through you our public benefactress.

Respectfully yours,

ELLA L. HORR, *Custodian.*

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

May I express my genuine delight when I read the other morning of Mrs. Dodge's thoughtful and generous gift to the Natural History Society. For some years it has been my habit to go to the rooms to identify birds either for myself or friends and have been confronted by specimens that had lost their color, their form and often their tails. I have felt quite jealous that the little town of Lancaster through Mr. Thayer's kindness should be so rich in their bird museum and Worcester have such a poor collection. But I am not thinking of myself alone, but of all those bird lovers of the future, who will more and more have open eyes and will find in Worcester a more desirable dwelling-place because of the generosity of yourself and your wife. I am, very cordially yours,

JENNIE BARBOUR SPRAGUE.

MRS. A. B. R. SPRAGUE.

DEAR SIR:—

I was much gratified to learn, through the Worcester papers, that Mrs. Dodge had added to her already long list of benefactions, the donation to the Worcester Natural History Society of the notable Reed collection of Worcester County birds.

To my mind, this present is worthy of deepest appreciation by every one interested in the education of Worcester children, as being a means of instilling in the hearts of those children—afterward to form the manhood and womanhood of the nation—a love for birds and animals; as a means of doing away with the little cruelties practiced by many small boys, who with proper training would love and protect the animals they might otherwise destroy.

Further than this, this same collection will be a source of never-ending delight to adults who are interested in nature, and I for one—voicing, I know, the sentiments of thousands of others—wish to add a word of thanks for the generosity of the donor to the city and its inhabitants.

Respectfully,

EDNA I. TYLER.

Had \$100,000 to Give to Worcester Institutions

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS H. DODGE, ONE OF BEST
KNOWN WOMEN OF THE CITY, AT HER
HOME ON MAIN STREET

(THE EVENING GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1907)



RS. Eliza Daniels Dodge, wife of Thomas H. Dodge, both of whom have been among the foremost in the ranks of the benefactors of Worcester's charitable and educational institutions, died this morning at her home, 766 Main Street, after an illness of just a year, aged eighty-five years, one month and twenty-one days.

Many Worcester institutions have benefited materially through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, and a fortune of well over \$100,000, which Mrs. Dodge had amassed largely through her own business sagacity in selecting profitable investments, it is understood on excellent authority, is to be almost entirely bequeathed to educational and charitable institutions in this city.

It is a strange coincidence that Mrs. Dodge was taken ill just a year ago at this time. On April 1, 1906, she was first compelled to take to her bed, and it has been known ever since that time that recovery was impossible. Mrs. Dodge bore her afflic-

tion patiently through all the weeks and months that she has been unable to leave her bed, and her interest in the organizations and institutions which she has always helped financially has never waned. She has directed Mr. Dodge from her sick-bed regarding the usual benevolences and has told him to keep up all the gifts as usual, in several instances increasing the amount of her benevolence.

Mrs. Dodge was born in Brookline, N. H., eighty-five years ago, on February 6. She was the daughter of John and Bridget (Cummings) Daniels and a direct descendant of the Cummings family of which one member was Prudence Cummings Wright, who won fame in the Revolution. The story regarding the valor of Prudence Cummings is an interesting one and one which Mrs. Dodge enjoyed telling.

A number of women, under the leadership of Mrs. Wright, donned the clothes of their husbands, who had gone to war, and stood guard at what is now Jewett's bridge over the Nashua River. Armed with muskets, pitchforks and such other weapons as they could avail themselves of, the women determined to defend the bridge against all enemies. One, Leonard Whiting, soon appeared on the scene and attempted to cross the bridge. Suspecting him to be a Tory, the women pulled him from his horse, searched him and, finding Tory papers in his boots, detained him. The papers were turned over to the Committee on Safety in Cambridge, Mass., and the man was delivered to the Committee on Observation in Groton, Mass. The spot at which the incident occurred is now designated by a stone memorial.

Mrs. Dodge lived in her native town until her marriage to Mr. Dodge, June 29, 1843. They went to Nashua, where Mr.

Dodge identified himself with the cotton industry and won fame as an inventor, introducing many patents and improvements to the machinery then in use. In 1855 Mr. Dodge accepted an appointment as assistant examiner of patents and removed to Washington, where he was later appointed chief examiner. During the Civil War, Mrs. Dodge was associated with Mrs. Dick, the famous New York society woman who took charge of supplies sent to the Federal Army, and Mrs. Dodge opened her house to receive these supplies and accompanied Mrs. Dick and other charitable women on their tours visiting the sick and wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge came to Worcester in 1864, and from that time have been among the most prominent residents of the city.

Mr. Dodge bought the property at the corner of Main and Chandler Streets where Trinity Methodist Church now stands and fitted up a fine residence. Part of the masonry now standing in the front of Trinity Church was erected to form a stairway leading to the old Dodge mansion. While living at this place, Mr. Dodge began to show his generosity in city affairs, and it was also here that Mrs. Dodge began what has proved to be a remarkable career as a business woman.

In the cellar of the house then standing on the site, there was an old well which had been filled up, but every spring and fall the water came to the surface, and for one hundred feet along Chandler Street the mud was so deep as to seriously interfere with traffic. The site of the Hotel Stanwix of to-day was then a vacant lot owned by a man named Cummings, and Mr. Dodge ascertained he would sell the vacant lot for \$2000. He then sent to the Board of Aldermen a letter in which he offered to buy the lot and give a twenty-foot strip on the Chandler Street side to the city, provided

the City Council would agree to drain the street and make it passable for traffic at all times. The reply received from the Board of Aldermen was that Chandler Street had originally been nothing but a cow-path, that the west side would never become a business section of the city and that it was not advisable therefore to widen Chandler Street. To-day the congested conditions at this junction are sufficient evidence of the foresight of Mr. Dodge, although his generous offer was declined.

After Mr. and Mrs. Dodge had lived on this site for several years, the Methodists, who then worshipped in the old Park Street meeting-house, began a search for a new site for a larger church edifice. The bishop, pastor and representative members of the church approached Mr. Dodge and informed him that the site of his home was the only one which appeared to them satisfactory. Mrs. Dodge had just fitted up the home to her own satisfaction and was loath to go, but finally consented, as the object was a charitable one, and the homestead was sold and a mortgage for \$25,000 was given by the church to run twenty years. Mr. Dodge told his wife that she had been a helpmeet and had taken an active part in assisting him to save all he had. Therefore, the mortgage was made payable to Mrs. Dodge and she was given the free use of the money to do with as she pleased.

Mrs. Dodge was ever prudent in the use of the money and judicious in her investments, in all of which she sought the advice of Mr. Dodge, and to-day that \$25,000 has swelled to a large sized fortune. A few years after the mortgage was given, Trinity Church found that it could raise the amount from another source at a lower rate of interest and asked Mrs. Dodge to accept a payment of the full amount, which she did.

Among the shrewd investments which Mrs. Dodge made and which have proved profitable was a large block of stock in the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, par value \$100 per share, for which she paid a small premium, and sold it at \$250 per share to the American Steel & Wire Company, beside receiving a division of the surplus from the Washburn Company of \$50 per share.

This same stock paid 8 per cent. interest at first, but later increased to 10 per cent., then to 12 per cent. and one year paid 16 per cent. before Mrs. Dodge disposed of it. Another investment in which Mrs. Dodge was interested to the extent of \$10,000 was a stock which she bought for \$25 a share and sold at \$78 a share. She invested a large sum in United States government bonds of 1907, buying at par, and sold out a few years ago when the government was paying a premium to buy in the issue, and she has since invested almost exclusively in bonds of the issue of 1925, and in non-taxable Massachusetts State bonds. In these bonds, which could be turned into ready cash inside of forty-eight hours, Mrs. Dodge leaves approximately \$140,000, all of which can be accredited to her own shrewdness. It is said that over \$100,000 of this amount has been willed by Mrs. Dodge to educational and charitable institutions in Worcester, which is in entire accord with her generous policy throughout her life in this city.

Mrs. Dodge has always contributed generously to the support of the Natural History Society. The old Union Church on Front Street, which Mr. and Mrs. Dodge attended, was the recipient of large gifts, and when that parish was erecting the old brick church on Front Street to replace the former wooden edifice, both Mr. and Mrs. Dodge gave largely, and Mrs. Dodge contributed the

principal sum towards a new and magnificent organ. Later, when Mr. and Mrs. Dodge went to their present home on Main Street, they became associated with Piedmont Congregational Church and have given largely to the work of that parish.

Immanuel Congregational Church, which was started as a branch of Piedmont Church, was also obligated to Mr. and Mrs. Dodge for large gifts. Especially in her church work, Mrs. Dodge has retained her interest throughout her illness.

When the Thule Music Hall Association was beginning its work of erecting a building to serve as a meeting-place for the various Swedish organizations of the city, Mr. Dodge became interested in the work because of a firm belief that the Swedish-speaking people are among the best who come to this land from foreign climes. He gave generously to the work, which he believes to be charitable, and gave the association a handsome portrait of himself to be hung in the building. Mr. Dodge then told Mrs. Dodge that he desired to have her picture hung beside his own and her portrait was painted by the same artist. Mrs. Dodge gave the association also a fund of \$1000, the income of which is to be used for charitable purposes.

Under similar circumstances, Mrs. Dodge gave her portrait to the Odd Fellows' Charitable Association, to hang beside that of her husband in the new building of the association, and also \$1000, the income of which is to be used for charitable purposes.

Mr. Dodge has given liberally to Clark University, especially in the form of valuable books for the library, and his portrait was painted and hung in the library building. Mrs. Dodge's portrait was also desired to hang beside that of her husband at that

institution, and with the portrait she gave \$1000 to help those of limited means and for the aid of research work.

The many other charities of Mrs. Dodge have not been mentioned to the public, but it has been intimated already that practically all her large fortune is to go to the institutions which she has assisted during her lifetime or in which she has taken an especial interest.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home, 766 Main Street. Rev. Dr. David O. Mears of Albany, N. Y., former pastor of Piedmont Church, and Rev. Dr. Willard Scott, the present pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery, where Mr. Dodge has placed a large monument of Scotch granite, made in Scotland especially for himself and Mrs. Dodge.

Eliza D. Dodge Leaves \$89,000 to Worcester Charity

THIRTY PUBLIC BEQUESTS ARE SPECIFIED BY PHILANTHROPIC WOMAN IN HER WILL

(WORCESTER TELEGRAM, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1907)

Worcester charitable institutions generally benefit more by the will of Mrs. Thomas H. Dodge, filed for probate yesterday, than in any will probated in Worcester in a decade.

Her interest in these institutions, as shown in her will, was great, and the good her bequests will do is conceded to be far reaching.

The will, a long instrument, and one codicil, both unique documents, were filed in the Probate Court at 4.35 yesterday afternoon by Attorney Rufus B. Dodge, whom the will names for executor.

The estate disposed of by the will amounts to \$200,000, largely in government bonds, and about every charitable institution in Worcester is remembered; in fact, these institutions get a great part of the estate, although there are bequests to Mr. and Mrs. Dodge's nephews and nieces and other relatives. The public bequests amount to \$89,000, personal ones \$29,059. The residue of \$82,000 goes to Thomas H. Dodge.

The will was executed August 15, 1906, and the witnesses were Rufus B. Dodge, William J. Taft and Phillipa A. Smith.

The codicil includes a few bequests to relatives, and one of \$5000 to Memorial Hospital.

A number of bequests in the will and codicil are personal effects left to relatives.

In all there are eighty-five bequests in the instruments, of which thirty are public. Of the public bequests, the Worcester County Mechanics Association gets the largest, receiving \$13,000.

The second largest bequest of \$7000 goes to the Worcester Natural History Society.

Much interest was manifested in the filing of the will yesterday, as the Telegram indicated the day following Mrs. Dodge's death, that the estate was largely to go to charity, and officials of some of the institutions were much interested to learn the amounts of these bequests.

Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge Dies of Paralysis

ONE OF MOST CHARITABLE WOMEN IN WORCESTER

(WORCESTER EVENING POST, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1907)



RS. Eliza D. Dodge, known as one of the most charitable women in Worcester, wife of Thomas H. Dodge, the dean of Worcester lawyers and often referred to as the Grand Old Man of Worcester, died in her home, 766 Main Street, at 7.15 o'clock this morning, following a sickness of nearly a year resulting from a shock of paralysis.

Mrs. Dodge was stricken March 31, 1906, and has been critically ill the greater part of the time since then. She rallied a little at times, but other shocks following weakened her condition and she failed gradually. She was attended by Dr. Charles H. Perry, the family physician, and trained nurses were in attendance constantly since she was first stricken. She has also been constantly attended by her aged husband.

During her illness gifts of flowers and tokens of remembrance and sympathy from persons and societies who have benefited from Mrs. Dodge's charities and friends have been frequently received, and these tokens of sympathy have been constantly at her bedside and about the home. Hopes for her recovery had been given up

some time ago when the end was only considered a matter of time. For the last week she had been steadily sinking, and passed away peacefully this morning.

Mrs. Dodge's charities, which have been carried on throughout her life, are well known throughout the country as well as in Worcester, where many persons and societies have benefited by her thoughtfulness and kindness, especially during the last few years. Her connection with charitable work in Washington during the Civil War made her known to hundreds of Civil War soldiers whom, while sick or wounded, she personally attended.

Mrs. Dodge, whose maiden name was Eliza Daniels, was born in Brookline, N. H., February 6, 1822. She was the daughter of John and Bridget (Cummings) Daniels and was one of thirteen children, ten girls and three boys. She was a descendant of the family of Cummings of which Prudence Cummings Wright, who won fame during the Revolutionary War, was a member.

Mrs. Dodge was proud of her family history, and both she and her husband took pleasure in relating to friends the circumstances of the incident in which her relative so distinguished herself. It occurred in April of 1775 when a company of women, under the leadership of Mrs. Wright, donned the clothes of their husbands, who had gone to war, and stood guard at what is now Jewett's bridge over the Nashua River. Armed with muskets, pitchforks and such other weapons as they could avail themselves of, the women determined to defend the bridge against all enemies.

One, Leonard Whiting, soon appeared on the scene and attempted to cross the bridge. Suspecting him to be a Tory, the women pulled him from his horse, searched him, and finding Tory papers in his boots detained him. The papers were turned over

to the Committee on Safety in Cambridge, Mass., and the man was delivered to the Committee on Observation in Groton, Mass. The spot at which the incident occurred is now designated by a stone memorial.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge were married June 29, 1843, in Nashua, N. H., by the Rev. Austin Richards. They took up their residence in Worcester in 1864.

Mrs. Dodge spent much of her time in doing charitable work and was known as one of the most charitable women in Worcester. It is estimated that donations already made by her to charity and those provided for in her will, made soon after she took to her bed, will aggregate \$100,000.

During the Civil War Mr. and Mrs. Dodge resided in Washington, and their home there became a depot for hospital supplies sent from the North. Mrs. Dodge and a Mrs. Dick, a New York society woman, attended to the deliverance of these supplies and spent many hours at the bedside of the sick and wounded soldiers.

Although many attempts were made to have her join the D. A. R., Mrs. Dodge steadfastly refused to belong to any society in which she could not take an active part.

Although she had been confined to her bed since March 31, 1906, Mrs. Dodge's charity did not cease, and during the last year she gave \$1000 to the Thule Hall Association, to be invested safely, and held forever, and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income only to be expended. She also gave this association a portrait of herself, painted by Erik Osterberg, a Swedish artist, to be hung in Thule Hall, beside that of her husband, the association having expressed a wish to have her picture on the wall

beside that of its benefactor, Mr. Dodge. Her picture also hangs in the library in Clark University, and in Dodge Hall.

Dodge pavilion in Natural History Camp was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dodge, as was also Dodge Hall in the new Odd Fellows' building. Dodge Park was given by Mr. Dodge, and many other institutions, as well as individuals, have cause to ever hold both Mrs. Dodge and her husband in grateful memory.

Mrs. Dodge's most recent gift to a Worcester organization was to the Worcester Natural History Society, to which she gave, a few weeks ago, the money for the purchase of the complete Reed collection of Worcester County birds. This collection is considered the best and most complete collection of local birds in the country, and includes four hundred and sixty-eight specimens, so realistically mounted as to suggest as nearly as possible the natural environment of each bird. It represents the result of more than twenty years' labor on the part of Charles K. Reed and Chester A. Reed, the widely known ornithologists of Worcester, and is practically priceless.

The collection will always be known as the "Reed collection of birds of Worcester County, gift of Eliza D. Dodge."

The birds will be mounted in such a manner that each species of bird will be grouped with nests and eggs where characteristic. These groups will be placed in twelve air-tight dust and insect-proof cases, each seven feet high and six feet long.

Mrs. Dodge never cared for society or club life, finding sufficient enjoyment in the company of her friends and in the performance of her charitable work. She did not belong to any church in Worcester, although she attended services in Piedmont Church up to within the last two years.

She and her husband were all in all to each other, and each delighted in anything in which the other found pleasure.

Mr. Dodge was much broken up when his wife took to her bed a year ago, and constantly ministered to her throughout her long illness.

Thule Music Hall Association

CHARLES F. HANSON, TREASURER

WORCESTER, MASS., July 25, 1906.

HON. THOMAS H. DODGE,
Worcester, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—

The Directors of Thule Music Hall Association desire to extend to you and Mrs. Dodge their sincere thanks for the kind proposition you have made to them through their Treasurer. Said proposition was unanimously accepted by the Directors at a special meeting held for this purpose last evening, and said action was duly recorded on the books of the association.

It was the desire of the Directors that the proposed fund be placed in the Thule Music Hall Association stock, where a larger interest would be realized, and that it be known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income from said fund to be for the benefit of Thule Music Hall Association for all future times. We trust this will meet with your kind approval.

The Directors fully understand that the portrait of Mrs. Dodge which you intend to present to the association is to be the same size and style as that which we now have in the hall of yourself, and the portrait of Mrs. Dodge is to be placed on the wall beside yours, according to your wishes and desires. This was also accepted and placed on our records.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and the interest you have taken in our association, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CHAS. F. HANSON, *Treasurer,*
Thule Music Hall Association.

WORCESTER, MASS., Sept. 12, 1906.

CHARLES F. HANSON, *Treasurer*,
Thule Music Hall Association,
Worcester, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—

A few years ago you employed Mr. Erik Osterberg, a Swedish artist, to paint the portrait of my husband, Thomas H. Dodge, and which portrait, when your new building on north Main Street was completed, was placed therein. Since then my husband, having expressed a wish that my portrait might hang by the side of his, and understanding you also expressed the same wish, I gave directions to have Mr. Osterberg paint my portrait corresponding in size and style, and place in a similar frame as that of my husband's. I am informed that Mr. Osterberg has fully complied with the directions given and superintended the hanging of my portrait in the main hall of your building as a companion portrait to that he painted of my husband.

Appreciating the charitable and benevolent work in which your association is engaged, I herewith present said association one thousand dollars (\$1000), to be safely invested and forever held and known as the Eliza D. Dodge fund, the income only to be expended. If preferred, you can invest it in the capital stock of your association; but, in such case, the voting on such stock must always be by the then Treasurer of said association.

Very truly yours,

(Dict.)

(Signed)

ELIZA D. DODGE.

Thule Music Hall Association

CHARLES F. HANSON, TREASURER

WORCESTER, MASS., Sept. 14, 1906.

ELIZA D. DODGE.

MY DEAR MADAM:—

What immeasurable joy it must afford you to be able to do so many kind and generous deeds to others. I can well understand the happy feelings you must have in this love to do for others. I have had that same experience, although in a small way.

When I took up the orphan girl to educate her in music, and gave her a new piano, it made me feel as though I was lifted up to the God in whose love we dwell, and as a result of my little deed done for her, God has already blessed me in a way I could never dream of, and I am sure He still will continue in His blessings, for kind deeds are always rewarded by Him who knows all and sees all.

The kindness of yourself and Mr. Dodge to the Thule Music Hall Association has been munificent. First, the beautiful portrait of yourself which was presented to us, and which now adorns the wall of our Thule Hall together with that of your loving husband, Mr. Thomas H. Dodge, will be there forever a reminder to our children's children of two loving friends and benefactors to our nationality.

How blessed it will be when we get to that other world, if we can look down and see the works we have done while we were here; then we shall feel richly rewarded for our labor.

We have, therefore, great reason to offer our heartfelt thanks to you for this kind gift. Secondly, in behalf of Thule Music Hall Association, I offer you our sincere gratitude and thanks for the munificent gift donated to our corporation, which is to be known

as the Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge fund, and which is to remain such for the benefit of the association, and that all interest accruing from said fund shall be diverted to the treasury of said organization for its use forever.

Your wishes expressed in your letter to me shall be carried out in every detail. Again I would say that words fail to express my deepest gratitude to you and Mr. Dodge for the kindness shown me in aiding me in my labor which I am doing for the benefit of my people. Had these gifts been for my personal benefit, I could not have been more grateful than I am now.

Will you kindly accept the few flowers I have sent you by bearer as a token of my personal esteem for you and Mr. Dodge who have shown me such friendship.

Hoping God's blessing will be richly poured upon you both, and that He will spare you to remain with us for many years to come, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES F. HANSON, *Treasurer.*

Clark University

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

WORCESTER, MASS., Oct. 31, 1906.

MY DEAR MRS. DODGE:—

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clark University, the Secretary of the board read your excellent letter, which gave much satisfaction not only on account of your very generous gift, but because of the sympathy it expressed.

The board ordered that the letter be entered in its minutes, and that the original be reserved among the archives of the institution, and that the Secretary convey to you the thanks of the board in writing. This he takes pleasure in doing thereby.

I am, very sincerely yours,

G. STANLEY HALL,
Secretary of the Board.

WORCESTER, MASS., Oct. 16, 1906.

MRS. ELIZA D. DODGE.

MY DEAR MADAM:—

It affords me very great pleasure to acknowledge officially, in behalf of Clark University, and to thank you for your munificent gift of one thousand dollars, which I understand is to be set aside as a separate fund bearing your name, the principal to be kept intact, and the income only used for the benefit of some worthy student of the university engaged in research work. I feel sure that your wishes in this respect will be scrupulously regarded, and that the Treasurer's annual report will contain always a statement of the condition of the fund, of its investment, and of the disposition made of the income. I am with great respect,

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS H. GAGE, *Treasurer*,
Clark University.

140 Beacon Street

MY DEAR MRS. DODGE:—

We thank you most heartily for your generous gift for the work of the Woman's Association of Piedmont Church. You will be glad to know that we were able to raise the seven hundred dollars that we were working for, and the fund will probably reach seven hundred and fifty.

Thanking you again for your kindness,

Very sincerely yours,

ALICE H. ARMINGTON,
For the Association.

November 19, 1906.

WORCESTER, MASS., March 30, 1907.

TO THE HON. THOMAS H. DODGE.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

It is with sincere sorrow that the members of this association have received tidings of the great grief that has fallen upon you and your household in the loss of your beloved wife, the estimable Mrs. Dodge.

This community has lost a noble Christian woman and this association, the order, and all that it represents, a great benefactress and friend.

We therefore tender to you our deepest sympathy and with it the sympathy of all that we represent in this order which we so dearly love.

By order of the Directors Odd Fellows' Charitable Association.

JOHN A. CHERRY,
Clerk.

212 Chandler Street.

DEAR MR. DODGE:—

The message for months I have so dreaded to hear has come. You both have constantly been on my mind since I returned from Worcester, late in September, and I have written to friends there to learn how you were. You were thoughtful to write me of Mrs. Dodge's going away, for I have been constantly with you in spirit since the word came, and I kept the hour of the service on that beautiful Good Friday sacred to the memory of my prized friend and neighbor. I hope you received our telegram, so that you knew we were with you in your hours of sorrow. I do truly feel very deeply this loss of a friend. No one ever can fill her place. I am proud of her friendship and it has been a great joy and comfort to me ever since I came to Worcester, "a stranger, and ye took me in." I am telling you of my sorrow, but I am also thinking of your sorrow, for I realize that you are left alone now, and my heart aches for you. You and Mrs. Dodge have made and kept a home, an ideal home, with all that this sweet word can mean, and you have been so generous in your love and with the means God has given you that you both have been a blessing to the world. I feel, dear Mr. Dodge, that I could truthfully and emphatically write pages of my impressions of the beautiful woman whose work here is finished, but to-night I must leave the deepest I feel unsaid. I know you must be comforted by the universal messages of love and sympathy of your many friends, and the memory of Mrs. Dodge's devoted, unselfish, helpful life. I am very grateful for the papers; every word is of deep interest to me. Would like to read every word that is printed. Some of your history was real new to me. I shall try to write you often and shall think of you hourly. I hope God may spare you to us yet many years. I am real sorry Mr. Carroll has been so situated that he has not known you as well as I have, but he wishes you to accept his sympathy,

and to tell you of the high esteem with which he has always held Mrs. Dodge. How I shall miss Mrs. Dodge when I come to Worcester. Many that I called on last summer have gone since that time. I do hope your niece can come to you now. I shall want to know how you are.

May you have strength in your hour of need, is the earnest wish of

Your sincere friend,

JULIA W. CARROLL,
No. 8 Girton Place, Rochester, N. Y.

April the first, 1907.

Miss Cora E. Cornish

EATON, MASS.

DEAR MR. DODGE:—

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your recent sad bereavement. I hope you will be able to bear your sorrow without too great a strain upon your health.

Very truly yours,

CORA ELIZA CORNISH.

April fifth, 1907.

In Memoriam

Though laid to rest, the form we held so dear;
Yet with us still her spirit hovers near.

The cheerful word, the sympathetic touch
We prize in memory, so few are such.

She is not gone whose love yet comfort gives,
She is not dead who in our hearts yet lives.

C. E. CORNISH.

PAINESVILLE, OHIO, April 10, 1907.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

The paper telling of the passing away of dear Mrs. Dodge came to us Monday morning. We had been looking for such news since the paper we received in February telling of the serious illness of Mrs. Dodge. We hoped she had rallied from the serious time she had at that time and was more comfortable. We couldn't ask for her to live on and be a sufferer, but we know that it means loneliness for you, and we all extend to you our very sincere sympathy.

I trust your niece is with you and we know she will do all she can to cheer you and be a staff for you to lean upon. We have such a pleasant memory of her. It was a privilege and pleasure that we shall never forget to have seen you and Mrs. Dodge in your home. Although our acquaintance with her was short, she seemed like a near relative to us, and we feel a personal loss in her death. She seemed so like our own aunts. Her heart was large enough to take in a great many people. How much she has done for the benefit of mankind! You will think of all these things with great satisfaction. I hope you are well.

My brother and sisters join me in loving sympathy for you in your loss.

Affectionately yours,

ALICE J. CUMINGS.

INSTITUTED JAN. 23, 1875

The Worcester Society of Antiquity

REORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, MARCH 6, 1877

19 Salisbury Street

WORCESTER, MASS., April 6, 1907.

THOMAS H. DODGE, Esq.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—As a member of the Worcester Society of Antiquity from its earliest organization, I wish to extend to you my personal gratitude for the kind remembrance in behalf of this society, made known to me through the publication of the last will and testament of your lamented wife, now deceased. The Worcester Society of Antiquity has done and is doing a noble work for this community, the value of which is perhaps better understood by those who are closely identified with its every day transactions. It occupies *second* place among the local historical societies in this Commonwealth in the size of its library and the value of its property. It holds fifth place among the local historical societies in the United States.

We have no debts outstanding; pay as we go being the society's motto. It has been a hard struggle for the members to bring the society up to its present standard, and our income at present is not quite enough to allow the officers to carry on the society's work with that dispatch or promptness in which they feel it ought to be done, therefore the assistance rendered through the kindness and thoughtfulness of yourself and your late wife is certainly most opportune and will inspire us to push forward our work.

If it could be arranged should like to see name of the society changed to the "Dodge Historical Society, Worcester."

The work of the American Antiquarian Society is *national*, ours is local chiefly.

Yours with great respect,

ELLERY B. CRANE.

Resolutions by Natural History Society

At a meeting of the Directors of the Worcester Natural History Society, held at its rooms March 30, 1907, the following was unanimously adopted:

The members of the Worcester Natural History Society deeply sympathize with Mr. Thomas H. Dodge in his late bereavement, and they recognize that, in the death of Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge, they have themselves sustained a great loss. Our Secretary is instructed to place upon the records a fitting memorial as an expression of our appreciation of her character, and of the ennobling example of her beautiful and well-rounded life.

Mrs. Dodge has for many years endeared herself to our society by her warm friendship and encouragement. She has never failed to respond to our necessities in time of deserving need, and a retrospect of her career distinguishes her as our most liberal benefactress.

The broad and public-spirited generosity of her last will illustrates her nobility of character, while the womanly attention to every detail of social and domestic regard depicts her great-hearted and tender nature in language more striking and enduring than any words of ours can illuminate.

When such a woman dies and the light of her elevating example is lost to the community, it becomes a public calamity. It is ours to keep her character and influence before our members for the beautiful lesson they teach, and to perpetuate her memory in our society, and in the city she has so long adorned.

The valuable addition to our collection of specimens which, through her, we have been enabled to make from time to time, will be a perpetual reminder of her wise and discriminating liberality.

It is interesting for us to remember that the last gift made by Mrs. Dodge was to our society. The rare and valuable collection of Worcester County birds, the result of more than twenty years of work on the part of Charles K. and Chester A. Reed of over five hundred specimens, mounted so as to represent them in their natural environment, came to us through her liberal spirit, and there have since been added to this collection as a direct result of her influence, the complete works of Audubon, the gift of Thomas H. Dodge, and the Audubon plates from the American Anti-quarian Society.

In the death of Mrs. Dodge, this society has lost a friend whose influence and example can hardly be replaced.

It was voted, that the Directors of the Worcester Natural History Society hereby make request of the executors of the will of Eliza D. Dodge, late wife of Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., for a portrait properly framed, the same copied from her portrait painted for Clark University, in accordance with item seventy-second of her will dated August 15, 1906.

Voted, that these resolutions and votes be conveyed to Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., by a committee consisting of A. W. Parmelee and W. H. Raymenton, who shall express to him our personal sympathy and condolence in the loss of his beloved wife and our good friend.

By order of

THE DIRECTORS.

Attest:

HERBERT D. BRAMAN,
Secretary.

The Foothills

Bordhoff, Cal.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

News has just reached us from Worcester that release from pain and suffering has come to dear Mrs. Dodge. I want to express to you my keenest sympathy. The loss of a lifetime companion is a crushing blow, but the thought of her beautiful, long life and sweet thoughtfulness for others must be a great comfort to you.

Through the weeks of sunshine and flowers here in California I have often thought of you and Mrs. Dodge and other shut-in friends and wished for some magic means of sharing it with you all.

I hope you are well and will find comfort in the sympathy of your many friends.

Very sincerely,

LUCIA L. JAQUITH.

April 4, 1907.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I returned early this week from attending the death and funeral of a very dear cousin and can't tell you how badly I felt to think that during my week away in Montclair, New Jersey, dear Mrs. Dodge was called away. It means such a great loss to you, and I assure you my heart aches for you at this sad time. I am sorry I was not here to have been with you and at least to have sent some flowers as a last tribute to one whom I dearly loved. But I knew nothing about it till too late, and I feel sure you will accept this apology. She had a happy home and a lovely life. I shall certainly come and see you very soon, and it is only a very severe cold contracted while away that prevents me from doing so at once. Until then, believe me in deepest sympathy.

Yours most sincerely,

NELLIE FRANCES ROGERS.

28 High Street, April 5th, 1907.

WORCESTER, MASS., April 6, 1907.

TO THOMAS H. DODGE, Esq.,
Worcester, Mass.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

It was with profound regret that I learned of the passing away of your noble wife.

While the thoughtful portion of this community must inevitably be filled with a sense of the irreparable loss which many public interests have thereby sustained, as well as sorrowing friends, I beg to add my own personal tribute of admiration for Mrs. Dodge, and of deepest sympathy for you in your inexpressible bereavement.

Courage and self-abnegation coursed through the veins of Mrs. Dodge like a river; inherited traits of character, from ancestors whose names are familiar to those well read in the Revolutionary period of Massachusetts history.

I know of no more picturesque and daring episode in local annals than the defense of the bridge over the Nashua by that band of intrepid women, of whom Prudence Cummings Wright was the chosen commander. I trust you will grant me permission to send Mrs. Dodge's claims to Revolutionary ancestry of exceptional interest to Washington, for preservation in the records of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am, my dear sir,

Yours with high regards,

C. VAN D. CHENOWETH.

DEAR MR. DODGE:—

You have laid your dear wife, my friend, away in her last earthly resting place. But she is not there; her glorified spirit is beyond the stars in that shadowless land in the bright radiance which comes from Him who is the light thereof.

We would not call her back, but hope ere long to join her there with our Redeemer and the many dear ones gone before.

I pray God to comfort and console you in the desolate home.

When the one who was the light of my life left me, I prayed that I might be able to say from the heart, "Thy will, not mine, be done." There is no comfort but that which comes from entire submission to the divine will. "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

I see by the paper that dear Mrs. Dodge did not forget me. It is very acceptable and I am very grateful for the kind remembrance. I was very sorry not to be present at the last service; but I was not able, not having been out of the house for many weeks.

Will you pardon these few lines and receive them with much sympathy and affection.

From your friend,

MRS. CUTLER.

42 Chatham Street, April 7.

April 8, 1907.

MR. THOMAS H. DODGE,
Worcester, Mass.

DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I thank you most sincerely for your very handsome gift in connection with the funeral services of your dear wife. It was a service of love and esteem for her, and for you, which I was very glad to render to her memory; but I appreciate much your generous response to it.

She was a rare woman while she lived, and she has left a bequest to worthy objects, or *series* of bequests, quite out of the usual. Personally I have never known so wide a distribution of blessings by any donor, or of so great a sum given in charities by a woman. Surely her memory shall be blessed, and generations to come shall rise up and say so with those of us who knew her personally.

It gives me added pleasure that she remembered so handsomely the church of her later attendance. This is, I think, the only endowment of this church, and I do not remember to have heard of its receiving a legacy of any sort hitherto. She is apparently the first to show her financial interest in this church in this manner, and I have no doubt that her gift of money was only an expression of her love and loyalty to the church so remembered. What a pleasant and useful thing it would be if others would follow her noble example in this as in many other respects. May we not hope for this?

It is a pleasure for me to reflect, also, that you have been so interested and active. I have no doubt in this plan of generosity, so that we may think of it as indirectly from you as well as from her. For this and for all your many interests and personal courtesies, we thank you.

I sincerely hope that you are as well as your sorrow and solitude will permit, and I shall hope to call again presently.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLARD SCOTT.

845 Main Street

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

The Directors of the Worcester Woman's Club House Corporation gratefully acknowledge the very kind and generous bequest of the late Mrs. Dodge, and assure you of their appreciation of the gift. It will greatly lessen the burdens under which they are struggling, and the donor will ever be held in loving esteem by the corporation.

Yours very sincerely,

ELLEN FRANCES ROGERS, *President*,
EMMA B. GATES, *Clerk*.

Worcester, April 10.

HEADQUARTERS

Geo. H. Ward Post 10

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
G. A. R.

WORCESTER, MASS., April 15, 1907.

MR. THOMAS H. DODGE.

DEAR SIR AND ASSOCIATE:—

I am instructed by the comrades of Geo. H. Ward Post 10 to express their deep sympathy for you in the bereavement which has come to you, in the decease of one who for many years has been the loved and loving companion of your life. We have all passed through similar experiences and it prompts us to expressions of sympathy at this time. With kindest sympathy and respect,

Very truly yours in F., C. and L.,

WOODBURY C. SMITH,
Adjutant.

MY DEAR MR. DODGE:—

I was absent from the city when Mrs. Dodge passed away, being obliged to go for a brief rest after the long, hard winter and its multiplicity of care and work. It would have pleased me to attend the funeral service and pay my respect to one whom I know only to admire and honor.

I know from personal experience the great loss you have experienced and the sense of loneliness that is yours. Mrs. Mix went from us two years ago and more, and I miss her more than ever as the days of her absence from us multiply. But in their flight they bring us just so much nearer the glad reunion.

It is a great satisfaction to me that our City Missionary Society has such a pleasing reminder of Mrs. Dodge's interest in our work in the legacy which she left to it to be administered in behalf of the poor that come under our care. I am glad to express to you what I cannot now to her, our sincere gratitude for the gift.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your remaining years of life on earth.

Yours very sincerely,

ELDRIDGE MIX.

Worcester, April 16, 1907.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge

In the death of Mrs. Eliza D. Dodge, Piedmont Congregational Church acknowledges the loss, from the pleasant fellowship of this earthly life, of a most gracious, noble and helpful friend. For a long period of years, as we are happy now to remember, she adorned and enriched our fellowship, and ably supported it by her interest, her prayers and her gifts. In personal worth she was unexcelled. In speech she was courteous and sympathetic; as sweet in temper and as pure in tone as a bird's song. In generosity she had few equals, while the value of what she gave was enhanced by the wisdom with which she dispensed it. She was unostentatious in her tastes and habits, that she might have more to give to others; and with her purse went also her heart. She loved to serve, and her service brought her in return a rich harvest of the love of others. She had many friends because she showed herself friendly. In her death a whole community grieves, while its many philanthropies are enriched by her latest and most bountiful generosity. So she, being dead, still speaketh. Her memory is no passing fragrance, however sweet; for she has planted in the charitable institutions of our city the bulbs from which perpetually the flowers of her love and care will grow to keep her memory sweet among us.

For the particular share of Piedmont Church in her last will and bequest, we are sincerely thankful; especially for the renewed evidence which it gives of her esteem for our church, and her

desire to be forever associated with its people and their labors in the cause of human welfare.

We extend our most appreciative sympathy to her bereaved husband, our friend and frequent benefactor, who has steadily vied with his generous wife in his care of our church, and of the many philanthropies of our city of Worcester. We pray sincerely that he may be preserved safe in health and strength for many years to enjoy the rich fruits of his wife's memory, and to give guidance to those charitable wishes and intimations which have been the subjects of their mutual conversation and purpose while they were together.

Respectfully submitted and signed in behalf of, and by direction of, Piedmont Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass., this 22d day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1907.

WILLARD SCOTT, *Pastor*,
E. WALTER SMITH, *Clerk*.

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